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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement mailed March 15, 2004,
Applicants elect Species I, Figures 3A and 3B drawn to a magnetic head slider having a
recess formed with a surface planar relative to a top rail surface, without traverse. Claims 19,
22 and 27 read on elected Species I.

Respectfully submitted,

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